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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON ASSASSINATION AID ADVISER DAN MITRIONE

THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF A US AID OFFICIAL, DAN A. MITRIONE, BY CRIMINAL TERRORISTS IN URUGUAY IS A DESPICABLE ACT WHICH WILL BE CONDEMNED BY MEN OF DECENCY AND HONOR EVERYWHERE. THE PRESIDENT'S AND ALL OF OUR THOUGHTS FIRST GO TO THE WIFE AND CHILDREN OF THIS FINE MAN WHO SERVED HIS GOVERNMENT WITH DEDICATION AND DISTINCTION.

THROUGHOUT THE TEN DAYS AFTER MR. MITRIONE'S KIDNAPPING, OUR AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY, CHARLES W. ADAIR, MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE HIGH HOST-GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURING THE SAFETY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON, AMBASSADOR ADAIR STRESSED THAT NO ACTIONS TO PRESERVE HIS LIFE WERE FORECLOSED. PRESIDENT NIXON RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT PACHECO THAT HE WAS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO USE ALL MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL TO BRING ABOUT MR. MITRIONE'S SAFE RELEASE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY SOUGHT, THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEASURES, TO RESCUE MR. MITRIONE AND TO DISSUADE HIS CAPTORS FROM CARRYING OUT THEIR THREATS. THE TERRORISTS REFUSAL TO RESPOND TO NUMEROUS HUMANITARIAN APPEALS TO RELEASE A WOUNDED MAN CONDEMNS THEM AS WANTON ASSASSINS. THIS CALLOUS MURDER EMPHASIZES THE ESSENTIAL INHUMANITY OF THE TERRORISTS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN THE PRESIDENT IN CONDEMNING THIS COLD-BLOODED CRIME AGAINST A DEFENSELESS HUMAN BEING.

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MR. MITRIONE'S DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF PEACEFUL PROGRESS IN AN ORDERY‡LY WORLD WILL REMAIN AS AN EXAMPLE FOR FREE MEN EVERYWHERE. WE ARE REMAINING IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN TO SECURE THE SAFE RELEASE OF DR. CLAUDE FLY, ANOTHER AMERICAN WHO WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE TERRORISTS.4

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